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## LAND FOR PROSPERITY (LFP)

Formalizing land tenure and property rights to foster licit, rural economic development.

### OVERVIEW

Land for Prosperity (LFP) works with the Colombian Government to improve the conditions of rural households and respond to peace accord commitments related to institutional capacity and land governance. Rural economic development in Colombia has been hindered by a lack of citizen and government clarity about land tenure and property rights. The perpetuation of informal land rights also inhibits economic growth, encourages illicit economies and activities, and facilitates illegal land appropriation. LFP seeks to address challenges stemming from informal land rights through land titling programs, strengthening government capacities to manage land, and creating legal economic opportunities for rural community members. LFP is implemented in conflict-affected regions in Bajo Cauca, Catatumbo, Meta, Montes de María, Northern Cauca, Southern Tolima, Tumaco, and the vicinity of the Chiribiquete National Park. The activity runs from September 2019 – August 2024.

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## COMPONENTS

### FACILITATING LAND TITLING AND RESTITUTION

LFP works with community, public, and private sector actors to consolidate a national land formalization model. This model helps establish clear property rights needed for licit economic development and improved citizen quality of life. LFP also supports ongoing land restitution processes and is using improved land use management to promote illicit crop substitution and reduce deforestation.

### STRENGTHENING LOCAL CAPACITIES

LFP strengthens local and national government actors' capacities to establish and update land information systems that make land administration and processes easier. LFP also improves digital land management oversight tools and databases, like the *Nodo de Tierras* platform, to manage land ownership records and ensure property rights.

### PROMOTING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

LFP establishes public-private partnerships to strengthen local value chains, create new job opportunities, and spur rural economic development. LFP works with local government administrations to mobilize funds needed to improve public service provision, like water and electricity. Increased rural investment by public and private actors improves licit income generation opportunities for community members.

## RESULTS

- Created or strengthened 24 municipal land offices;
- Helped three municipalities develop land formalization plans;
- Mobilized USD \$36.7 million through public-private partnerships;
- Digitalized 610,000 property registration files from rural public registry offices;
- Issued nearly 2,900 formal documents or land title for parcels that provides legal certainty over land tenure;
- Supported two municipalities to receive approval for their Social Management of Rural Property Plans to begin massive land formalization;
- Helped five municipalities begun massive land formalization pilots to update their rural cadaster and deliver land titles, and more than 4,800 parcels have already been presented for validation; and
- Strengthened seven public-private partnerships in the cacao, coffee, honey, cassava and ñame value chains, benefitting more than 16,500 producers from over 120 farming and grower associations.